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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, NL

SUBJECT: FURTHER GON REACTION TO THE FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY  
MEETING IN WASHINGTON

REF: THE HAGUE 150

1. DURING JANUARY 11 CONVERSATION WITH DCN, DR. RINGNALDA,  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF GENERAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY (PRIME  
MINISTER'S OFFICE) CONFIRMED THAT GON INTENDED TO BE  
PRESENT AT ENERGY MEETING IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH BUT  
MENTIONED THAT DUTCH HAD HEARD THAT US WAS OPPOSED TO ANY  
PRIOR COORDINATION AMONG EC-9 REGARDING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE MEETING. DCM REPLIED HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH  
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OPPOSITION. ON THE CONTRARY THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT HAD SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF SOME FORM OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. FURTHERMORE THE US WAS AWARE THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED AMONG THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THEIR JANUARY 14-15 MEETING. THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER HAD GONE TO 8 MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER COUNTRIES ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS ALTHOUGH THEY IN FACT, TOGETHER WITH THE US, CONSTITUTED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE OECD HIGH-LEVEL GROUP.

2. DCM REFERRED TO JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE SECRETARY AND FEO DIRECTOR SIMON TO UNDERSCORE THE URGENCY WHICH THE USG ATTACHES TO LAUNCHING THE PHASED PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE OIL CONSUMING AND PRODUCING NATIONS. NOTING THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE EC WAS ENCOUNTERING IN DEVELOPING A COMMON APPROACH TO ENERGY THE DCM SAID THAT THE US JUDGED IT NECESSARY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ITS INITIATIVE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THIS OF COURSE DID NOT PRECLUDE CONSULTATION AMONG THE EC-9 ON THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE. THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT THE DUTCH AND THE OTHER INVITEES SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING NEXT MONTH TO TAKE THE FIRST INDISPENSABLE STEPS TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND RELATED ECONOMIC MATTERS.

3. COMMENT: THE QUESTION RAISED BY DR. RINGNALDA, WHATEVER THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, REFLECTS THE CONCERN FOR EC SOLIDARITY EXPRESSED IN THE GON ANNOUNCEMENT (REFTEL). THE DUTCH HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NEXT MONTH'S ENERGY MEETING BUT THEY HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT BE THE SOURCE OF FURTHER DIVISION WITHIN AN ALREADY TROUBLED COMMUNITY.  
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